IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-61 (canceled)

62 (previously presented): A method for controlling a transmit power configuration for a wireless communication device, comprising:

using a first transmit power setting for the transmit power configuration upon initiation of a wireless communication;

during the wireless communication, detecting that the wireless communication device has entered a speakerphone mode; and

in response to detecting that the wireless communication device has entered the speakerphone mode, automatically switching the transmit power configuration to a second transmit power setting during the wireless communication.

63 (previously presented): The method of claim 62, wherein the first transmit power setting is lower than the second transmit power setting.

64 (previously presented): The method of claim 63, wherein the first transmit power setting is selected to be within a predetermined transmit power limit for when the wireless communication device is near the user's head.

65 (previously presented): The method of claim 64, wherein the second transmit power setting is above the predetermined transmit power limit.